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May 30, 2008

Captain (b) (6)  
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Dear Captain (b) (6),

Enclosed please find a letter my office received on May 28, 2008. In said letter, my constituent (b) (6) has requested my office to make an inquiry regarding the loss of the USS Scorpion SSN589. Mr. (b) (6) had a brother aboard and would like a better understanding of the events that lead to his death.

I would greatly appreciate any information you are able to provide. If you have any further questions or need clarification please contact my staff member, Miss (b) (6) (b) (6), at 630-893-9670. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

  
Peter J. Roskam  
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December 11, 2007

Dear Congressman Roskam,

I am writing on behalf of my brother (b) (6) and the families of the 98 other Sailors who were lost in the Atlantic Ocean in May of 1968 on the Submarine *Scorpion*. The *Scorpion* (SSN589) and the *Thresher* (SSN593) in 1963 were the only peacetime losses of submarines in the modern history of the United States Navy.

For nearly 40 years the exact cause of the loss of the *Scorpion* has never been known nor have details released by the Navy. In a few months the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of the *Scorpion* will take place. Many of our extended *Scorpion* family members will gather at the Norfolk Naval Base in May 2008 to honor the men of the *Scorpion*.

The loss is generally attributed to an unknown massive failure that the crew could not overcome which resulted in the sinking of the *Scorpion*. Several theories in that regard have been put forth in a number of books, for example Silent Steel by (b) (6)

Unfortunately several other books have recently been published or are about to be published that include claims that the Soviet Union sunk the *Scorpion* and or that the loss was known to the United States and has been "covered up" by our government.

We do know that the Navy has massive amounts of information and thousands of photographs of the remains of the *Scorpion* on the Ocean floor. I would ask that you call for a review of the all known evidence and if necessary call for a re-exploration of the remains of the *Scorpion* to determine as best as possible the reason for the loss.

I believe the government should provide the best possible answers regarding this tragedy to the families of the *Scorpion*'s 99 Sailors. With the passage of 40 years, our nation's technological advances could surely help in this regard. Any answers as to what caused the loss of the *Scorpion* would be appreciated by the many families and fellow service members.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue; I remain very truly yours,

(b) (6)